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SUBJ: PRESIDENT LAMIZANA TAKES OVER

REF: OUAGADOUGOU 232

1. AT DAWN FEB 8 PRESIDENT LAMIZANA ANNOUNCED HE HAS SUSPENDED CONSTITUTION, DIMISSED NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, DISMISSED CABINET, AND ISSUED DECREE PROHIBITING PUBLIC MEETINGS AND INSTITUTING CURFEW 8PM TO 6:30AM.

2. RADIO BROADCASTED MARTIAL MUSIC AND TAPED SPEECH BY PRESIDENT. IN SPEECH HE SAID COUNTRY CANNOT AFFORD CONTINUATION OF BALLET OF POLITICAL JUGGLERS. REFERRING TO PURPOSES OF JANUARY 1966 MILITARY TAKE-OVER, HE SAID THAT MUST TAKE A STEP BACKWARD IN ORDER TO ADVANCE, AND THAT NEED NEW FRAMEWORK FOR GOVERNMENT ACTION.

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3. NEW CABINET, TO BE ANNOUNCED TODAY, IS EXPECTED BE
MIXED MILITARY-CIVILIAN. PRESIDENT IS EXPECTED SEEK
PARTICIPATION OF MEMBERS OF ALL MAJOR PARTIES IN GOVERNMENT OF
NATIONAL UNION. WE EXPECT INCLUSION SUPPORTERS OF LEFTIST
MLN, WHO COMPRISE MAJORITY OF THE MORE CAPABLE YOUNGER MEN.

4. SOLDIERS, SUPPORTED BY TWO ANTIQUE ARMORED SCOUT CARS,
ARE STATIONED AT PRESIDENCY, PRIME MINISTER'S
RESIDENCE, RADIO STATION, AND POST/TELEPHONE BUILDING.
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